

# Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, July 2006



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

## EOPS Announcements

### Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings and Prevention and Response to Suicide Bombings Awareness Course

**July 25 and July 26, 2006 in Quincy, MA**

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), in Partnership with MBTA Transit Police, are presenting a training to provide participants with basic information concerning explosive and incendiary devices that could be used as terrorist weapons. This course is designed for Emergency Responders including: Fire, Police, EMS, Emergency Management Personnel, Public Works, Public Health, or any emergency responder who is likely to be called upon a scene that involves energetic materials (WMD). The goal of this course is to provide participants with the ability to conduct pre-attack analysis and planning, prior to a suicide bombing incident. Training registration form and contact information is attached.

### Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety's Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse (HDER) Program

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety's Homeland Security Division invites your municipality to take part in the Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse (HDER) Program. The HDER program is a partnership between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office for Domestic Preparedness, the U.S. Department of Energy, and the U.S. Navy and the Health Physics Society. The program is designed to place surplus federal radiation detection equipment in the hands of emergency responder agencies and to provide training on the equipment to designated personnel at no cost. Through the HDER program, responder agencies across the state now have access to a substantial inventory of radiological detection instrumentation and other rehabilitated equipment.

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# **EOPS Funding Opportunities**

## **Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Formula Grant Program**

### **Application Deadline: July 20, 2006**

EOPS is making approximately \$885,000 of funding available from the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) Formula Grant Program, subject to the final award to Massachusetts through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The purpose of this program is to improve the lives of juveniles in the Commonwealth by preventing their involvement with the juvenile justice system and by improving the operation and services provided by the juvenile justice system.

For more information: <http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding.htm> click on Justice and Education

# **Other Funding Opportunities**

## **Data Resources Program 2006: Funding for the Analysis of Existing Data**

### **Application Deadline: September 14, 2006**

“The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks proposals for secondary analysis to inform criminal justice policy and practice in the United States. Research proposals should either replicate original findings or, preferably, test new hypotheses with existing data from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data. NIJ will give preference to research that asks compelling crime and justice questions over research that furthers statistical methods or technical refinement of data sets. Researchers interested in those latter categories should consider grants from the ASA/BJS Special Data Collections and Statistical Studies Research Program.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/SL000749.pdf>

## **Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program**

### **Application Deadline: Open**

“The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) will provide up to \$5,000 in funding to grassroots communities and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to improve outreach and services to crime victims, through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers.”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

## **Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program**

### **Application Deadline: Open**

“The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is accepting applications to compensate and assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occurs within the United States or to assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur outside the United States. Five types of grants are available from OVC to respond to terrorism and mass violence: Crisis Response Grant, Consequence Management Grant, Criminal Justice Support Grant, Crime Victim Compensation Grant, Training and Technical Assistance Grant.”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdf/txt/antiterrorapplication.pdf>

## **Research and Publications**

### **Protecting Judicial Officials: Implementing an Effective Threat Management Process**

This Bureau of Justice Assistance bulletin describes the basic elements of a successful threat management process. The ten elements discussed demonstrate how the judiciary can identify, assess, investigate, and manage risks of violence to judicial officials. Direction on how to implement an effective threat management plan is also included.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/bja/213930.pdf>

### **A National Strategy to Combat Identity Theft**

This recently released Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) bulletin was created to identify common practices and develop components that would compromise a national strategy for law enforcement. Recommendations are provided on how to best support federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in organizing and improving police response to identity theft. Information used in this publication was gathered through surveys and a number of focus groups composed of police, prosecutors, federal officials, victim assistance professionals and representatives from the private sector.

Access full text at: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1732>

### **Citizen Complaints About Police Use of Force**

This Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report presents data on citizen complaints about police use of force received by State and local law enforcement agencies. The policies and procedures of large municipal police departments in processing citizen complaints are detailed. Specific information on complaint dispositions is also included.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/ccpuf.pdf>

### **Drug Courts: The Second Decade**

This National Institute of Justice Special Report combines findings from several process evaluations that explore “what works” in drug courts. Specific information includes how target populations and participant attributes affect program outcomes, the judge's role in the success of drug court participants, treatment issues, drug court interventions for juveniles, and cost-benefit analyses of drug courts.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/211081.pdf>

### **Estimate of the Incidence of Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault in the U.S.**

A recent study done by the University of Illinois at Chicago focused on the prevalence of drugs in sexual assault complaints. Issues such as the legal aspects of drug facilitated sexual assault and the need for toxicological analyses in sexual assault cases are discussed.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/212000.pdf>

### **Juvenile Residential Facility Census, 2002: Selected Findings**

Data from the 2002 Juvenile Residential Facility Census is presented by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. This report includes statistics on facilities and offenders by state and facility type, as well as national data on aspects of confinement, overcrowding, suicide, mental health screening, and deaths in custody.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/211080.pdf>

# **Conferences and Trainings**

## **Criminal Intelligence Systems Training**

**July 13, 2006 in Franklin, MA**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is offering a training, co-hosted by NESPIN, on the guidelines governing the operation of federally funded criminal intelligence systems. The training includes information on the following topics: training overview and resources, 28 Code of Federal Regulations Part 23, complying with the regulation, storing criminal intelligence, inquiry and dissemination, and review and purge. There is no registration fee but the class size is limited.

For more information: <http://www.iir.com/28cfr/Franklin.htm>

## **The 2006 NIJ Conference**

**July 17-19, 2006 in Washington, DC**

The National Institute of Justice Conference (formally called the Research and Evaluation Conference) spotlights what works, what doesn't work, and what the research shows as promising. Developments in technology that increase public safety will be featured. Researchers interested in criminal justice, policymakers responsible for shaping public safety or social services, practitioners in criminal justice and students interested in criminal justice issues are invited to attend.

For more information: [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij\\_conference2006.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference2006.html)

## **2006 National Community Policing Conference - Community Policing: Leading the Way to a Safer Nation**

**July 27-29, 2006 in Washington, DC**

This Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) conference will feature a large number of workshops grouped into seven subject tracks offering leadership strategies: leading in change, leading in innovation, leading in crisis, leading in integrity, leading in science and technology, ahead of the curve, and contemporary issues in community policing. Command and patrol-level law enforcement personnel, state and local government executives, criminal justice professionals, educators, community leaders, and others interested in the implementation and future direction of community policing are invited to attend.

For more information: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=1044>

## **NCJA National Forum – Gathering Threats to America's Safety**

**July 31- August 2, 2006 in Baltimore, MD**

The National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) will convene the defenders of the nation's safety to examine promising practices, technologies, and strategies to confront safety threats to our nation. Session topics include gangs, drug trafficking and abuse, methamphetamine, cyber criminals, homeland security, justice and mental health, and information sharing.

For more information: [http://www.ncja.org/forum06\\_theme.html](http://www.ncja.org/forum06_theme.html)

## **Managing Juvenile Services**

### **Various dates and locations listed below**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is sponsoring the following training sessions on managing juvenile services:

- Spokane, WA, August 7-11, 2006
- Kansas City, MO, September 18-22, 2006
- Rochester, NY, October 23-27, 2006

This program will present management concepts to build leadership capacity and organizational competency in the planning and delivery of juvenile services. Tuition, student materials, instructional costs, and single-occupancy lodging will be provided by OJJDP. The participant is responsible for transportation, meals, and incidental expenses.

For more information: <http://dept.fvtc.edu/ojjdp/descriptions.htm#mjs>

## **Community Capacity Development Office Law Enforcement Conference**

### **August 14-17, 2006 in Phoenix, AZ**

The Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO) is hosting a law enforcement conference that will focus on the latest technology trends in law enforcement to assist communities with preventing and controlling crime. Opportunities to develop partnerships and strengthen relationships among community leaders, faith-based organizations, and local law enforcement will be a focus of the event.

For more information: <http://www.ccdconferences.org/lawenforcement/index.htm>

## **In The News**

### **Mayor Supports Anti-Gun Effort**

#### ***The Republican*, June 8, 2006**

According to *The Republican*, Mayor Ryan of Springfield announced that he has joined many other mayors from across the country in a collaborative effort aimed at cracking down on illegal guns. New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino sent letters to a number of mayors encouraging them to participate in the coalition. The coalition aims to protect residents from harm, focusing on the use of illegal guns.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/springfield/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-4/114975309765870.xml&coll=1>

### **Boston Officer Count Down; Community Policing Endangered?**

#### ***Boston Globe*, June 8, 2006**

According to a recent *Boston Globe* article, the Boston Police Department may not have enough officers to sustain its nationally acclaimed community-policing program. About 10 percent of the force on average was injured, sick, or on other leave or light duty over the past year, which resulted in a force closer to 1,800 officers than the official count of about 2,000 sworn officers. Some community leaders say the shortage has weakened the department's associations with neighborhoods.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/06/08/agency\\_says\\_police\\_stretched\\_too\\_thin/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/06/08/agency_says_police_stretched_too_thin/)

### **New Police Units Go On 'Offense'**

***The Republican*, June 10, 2006**

According to *The Republican*, Springfield plans to restructure police patrols to aggressively target crime at the neighborhood level. Police Commissioner Edward A. Flynn revealed the new strategies: the Geographical Policing District Plan and the Neighborhood Task Force. The Geographical Policing District Plan lumps the city's various neighborhoods into one of four districts, and makes a commanding officer responsible for each while the Neighborhood Task Force, made up of 35 officers from the Narcotics Bureau and Street Crimes Unit, will forcefully respond to problem areas throughout the city.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/springfield/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-1/114992540249000.xml&coll=1>

### **Violent Crime in the U.S. up 2.5% Last Year, FBI Survey Says**

***Criminal Justice Journalists*, June 12, 2006**

A preliminary annual survey by the FBI shows that violent crime increased 2.5 percent last year while property crime decreased by 1.6 percent. The largest increases were seen in homicides (4.8%) and robberies (4.5%). Cities with populations between 50,000-100,000 and 100,000-250,000 saw the largest increases in homicides.

Access full text at: <http://cjj.mn-8.net/default.asp?link=>

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